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To the very respectable
American Numismatic Society
New York

Please to have the goodness, to make
to your members communication of the inclosed
advice, relative to a unique and very important
collection of Ragusan coins.

The price of the entire collection are
\$ 15000. - (fifteen thousand dollars.)

I am always ready to any information.

Very respectfully yours

Mirko Breyer

inclosure.

The small Republic of Ragusa in Dalmatia has been in the course of more than a thousand years /it was abolished by Napoleon only in 1808/ a prominent cultural centre for the whole Balkan Peninsula, especially for literature and science. The commercial connexions between Ragusa and the Balkanic countries being very animated, the activity of the mint-office was also a very lively one ever since the XVIIIth century, and therefore the coins of Ragusa are the best known, the most popular and especially favoured by the numismatists among all the coins of the Balkan States.

Now there is an opportunity of purchasing the most complete and finest collection of Ragusian coins and medals, which has been collected during seventy five years in a Ragusian family of rank; it is richer and more valuable than all the public and private collections of Ragusian coins together.

It contains 4.199 pieces, of which 3.995 are Ragusian coins and 204 from other places but connected in some way with the history or origin of Ragusa. Among the Ragusian coins there are 3.613 genuine ones without any duplicates; furthermore there are 78 medals, 27 marks, 18 seals and 9 weights, altogether 3.745 genuine pieces; besides 110 counterfeits from that period and 140 casts /mostly of seals/. Among the Ragusian coins there are 2.822 silver ones, 790 copper ones and a golden one. Among those not belonging to Ragusa there are 14 golden ones, 127 silver ones and the remaining ones are of copper.

In order to give an idea of the high value of this collection, we must first mention the coins existing solely in this collection: there are the two Follari of type Libertas, 2 Piedforts of Pollari, as well as the specimen of a Follaro and 1 Follaro of a much bigger size; Soldo of the year 1796, Grossi of type 9 and 11; Silver Mezzanini of types 1, 4, 7 and 9; Grossetti of the year 1694; Altitudoc of the year 1675; copper specimen of the Ducato from the year 1725; golden Ducato of the year 1739 /the most valuable among the only three gold coins of Ragusa still existing/; a silver Medal for A. Mozzi /made by the Roman stamp-cutter J. Hamerani/. To the "Rarissima", of which there exist at the most three pieces besides those contained in this collection, there belong: Follaro of type 9; Grossi of types 12, 15, 17, 20-23, 25, 28, 32-34, 43; Grossetti of the years 1666, 1696, 1728 and without date; Altitudochi of the years 1633, 1635, 1644, 1683-1686, 1692, 1701; Iperperi of the years 1683, 1692, 1702, 1723-1725; Thaler of St. Blase of the years 1730, 1731, 1733, 1754; half a Thaler of St. Blase of the year 1731; silver Medal for the reconstruction of St. Blase's Church; Medal of Paulus de Ragusio for Alfonso rex Aragonum /middle of the XVth century/; Medal for Lucas de Cerva /made by a good Italian engraver of medals, unknown to Armand, in the middle of the XVth century/; Gold Medal made for the transfer of the right hand of St. Stephen of Hungary from Ragusa to Vienna /weight 52.58 gr./; besides this there is only one piece in Vienna, weighing 34.77 gr./; Medal for the inauguration of the railway Bosnia-Ragusa in the year 1901 by prof. Marschall /uneditied/. The number of the rarities, existing at the most in ten copies, cannot be mentioned here. A catalogue of the collection with full details is to be found in the second volume of the "numismatic of Ragusa" written by Prof. Rešetar in Serbian language and recently published by the Royal Academy of Science in Belgrade.

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April 1st, 1926

Mr. Mirko Breyer
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Gentlemen:

Responding to your letter of March 19th, I regret to advise that I know of none of our members who would be interested in your collection of coins, of which you write. We shall place your letter on file, and should we learn of anyone who might care to consider the purchase of the collection, I shall be very glad to communicate with you.

Very truly yours,

Secretary